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Dr. Frangobol, of Romano-Americana is in charge of the measurement and testing of cargo, assisted by Babu Popescu.

2. In spite of cooperation on the part of everyone connected with the laboratories, testing is made extremely difficult by the acute lack of apparatus and facilities. The resources of three laboratories (Romano-Americana, Astra-Romana and Harbour) have to be pooled in order to carry out tests even moderately well.
3. Constanta laboratory facilities are obviously intended only for the simplest inspection tests. all important testing is done at Floesti.
4. The Astra-Romana laboratory in Constanta (used by the Russians) is by far the best equipped.
5. No Russians were observed inside the actual installations (Romano-Americana, Colombia and Steaua-Romana); but all the installations have Russian sentries posted at the gates.

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